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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TSPA, JA  
SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE

1. THE ASAHI SHIMBUN, THE LARGEST-CIRCULATION VERNACULAR DAILY IN JAPAN, DEVOTED A FULL PAGE IN ITS SEPT. 11 ISSUE TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND EXPLANATION INVITING THE READERSHIP TO CONTRIBUTE "IDEAS" FOR A SMALL SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT ABOARD THE SPACE SHUTTLE. THE NEWSPAPER COMPANY, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, HAS ACQUIRED THE RIGHT TO PUT A DEVICE ON THE SPACESHIP.

2. ANY ONE AT ANY AGE CAN RESPOND TO THE INVITATION SIMPLY BY SENDING IN AN IDEA IN WRITTEN FORM BY OCTOBER 31, 1978. A SPECIALLY FORMED COMMITTEE OF THE NEWSPAPER COMPANY WILL REVIEW THE CONTRIBUTED IDEAS AND SELECT ONE FOR WHICH YEN ONE MILLION WILL BE PAID AS AWARD AND A FEW OTHERS FOR WHICH YEN 200,000 EACH WILL BE GIVEN. THE PRIZE-WINNING IDEAS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER IN LATE JANUARY 1979.

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER SAID THAT THE FABRICATION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE BASED ON THE SELECTED IDEA WILL  
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BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BATTELLE COLUMBUS LABORATORY IN THE U.S. AND PUT ON BOARD THE SPACE SHUTTLE DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1980 TO THE END OF 1981. MANSFIELD

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